

In name of lendings for your Highnesse Soldiers,  
The which he hath detain'd for lewd employments,  
Like a false Traitor, and inuious Villaine.  
Besides I say, and will in battaile proue,  
Or heere, or elsewhere to the furthest Verge  
That euer was suruey'd by English eye,  
That all the Treasons for these eigheteene yeres  
Complotted, and contriued in this Land,  
Fetch'd from false *Mowbray* their first head and spring.  
Further I say, and further will maintaine  
Vpon his bad life, to make all this good.  
That he did plot the Duke of Glousters death,  
Suggest his soone beleueing aduersaries,  
And consequently, like a Traitor Coward,  
Slue'd our his innocent soule through streames of blood:  
Which blood, like sacrificing *Abels* cries,  
(Euen from the too gentle cauerne of the earth)  
To me for iustice, and rough chastisement:  
And by the glorious worth of my descent,  
This arme shall do it, or this life be spent.

*King.* How high a pitch his resolution soares:  
*Thomas* of Norfolk, what sayest thou to this?

*Mow.* Oh let my Soueraigne turne away his face,  
And bid his eares a little while be deafe,  
Till I haue told this slander of his blood,  
How God, and good men, hate so foule a liar.

*King.* *Mowbray*, impartiall are our eyes and eares,  
Were he my brother, nay our kingdome heire,  
As he is but my fathers brothers sonne;  
Now by my Scepters awe, I make a vow,  
Such neighbour-neereneesse to our sacred blood,  
Should nothing priuiledge him, nor partialize  
The vn-spoiling firmeneesse of my vpright soule.  
He is our subiect (*Mowbray*) so art thou,  
Free speech, and fearelesse, I to thee allow.

*Mow.* Then *Bulkingbrooke*, as low as to thy heart,  
Through the false passage of thy throat; thou lyest:  
Three parts of that receipt I had for Callice,  
Disburst I to his Highnesse souldiers;  
The other part refer'd I by consent,  
For that my Soueraigne Liege was in my debt,  
Vpon remainder of a deere Accompt,  
Since last I went to France to fetch his Queene:  
Now swallow downe that Lye. For Glousters death,  
I slew him not; but (to mine owne disgrace)  
Neglected my sworne duty in that case:  
For you my noble Lord of Lancaster,  
The honourable Father to my foe,  
Once I did lay an ambush for your life,  
A trespass that doth vex my greued soule:  
But ere I last receiued the Sacrament,  
I did confesse it, and exactly begg'd  
Your Graces pardon, and I hope I had it.  
This is my fault: as for the rest, appeal'd,  
It issues from the rancour of a Villaine;  
A recreant, and most degenerate Traitor,  
Which in my selfe I boldly will defend,  
And interchangeably hurle downe my gage  
Vpon this ouer-weening Traitors foote,  
To proue my selfe a loyall Gentleman,  
Euen in the best blood chamber'd in his bosome.  
In hast whereof, most heartily I pray,  
Your Highnesse to assigne our Trial day.

*King.* Wrath-kindled Gentlemen be rul'd by me:  
Let's purge this choller without letting blood:  
This we prescribe, though no Physician,

Deepe malice makes too deepe incision.

Forget, forgive, conclude, and be agreed.

Our Doctors say, This is no time to bleed.

Good Vnckle, let this end where it began.

We'l calme the Duke of Norfolk; you, your son,

*Gaunt.* To be a make-peace shall become my age;

Throw downe (my sonne) the Duke of Norfolk's gage.

*King.* And Norfolk, throw downe his.

*Gaunt.* When *Harrie* when? Obedience bids,

Obedience bids I should not bid agen.

*King.* Norfolk, throw downe, we bidde; there is

no boote.

*Mow.* My selfe I throw (dread Soueraigne) at thy foot.

My life thou shalt command, but not my shame.

The one my dutie owes, but my faire name

Despight of death, that liues vpon my graue

To darke dishonours vs, thou shalt not haue.

I am disgrac'd, impeach'd, and baffel'd heere,

Pierc'd to the soule with flanders venom'd speare:

The which no balme can cure, but his heart blood

Which breath'd this poyson.

*King.* Rage must be withstood:

Giue me his gage: Lyons make Leopards tame.

*Mow.* Yea, but not change his spots: take but my shame.

And I resigne my gage. My deere, deere Lord,

The purest treasure mortall times afford

Is spolelesse reputation: that away,

Men are but gilded loame, or painted clay.

A Jewell in a ten times barr'd vp Chest,

Is a bold spirit, in a loyall brest.

Mine Honor is my life; both grow in one:

Take Honor from me, and my life is done.

Then (deere my Liege) mine Honor let me trie,

In that I liue; and for that will I die.

*King.* Cousin, throw downe your gage;

Do you begin.

*Bul.* Oh heauen defend my soule from such foule sin,

Shall I seeme Crest-falne in my fathers sight,

Or with pale beggar-fear impeach my right

Before this out-dar'd dastard? Ere my tooing

Shall wound mine honor with such feeble wrongs:

Or sound so bafe a parle: my teeth shall teare

The flauish motiue of recanting feare,

And spit it bleeding in his high disgrace,

Where shame doth harbour, euen in *Mowbray*'s face.

*King.* We were not borne to sue, but to command,

Which since we cannot do to make you friends,

Be readie, (as your liues shall answer it)

At Couentre, vpon *S. Lamberts* day:

There shall your swords and Lances arbitrate

The swelling difference of your setled hate:

Since we cannot atone you, you shall see

Iustice designe the Victors Chiuallrie.

Lord Marshall, command our Officers at Armes,

Be readie to direct these home Alarmes.

### Scena Secunda

*Enter Gaunt, and Dutcheffe of Gloucestre.*

*Gaunt.* Alas, the part I had in Glousters blood,

Doth more sollicite me then your exclames,

To stirre against the Butchers of his life.

But since correction lyeth in those hands:  
Which made the fault that we cannot correct,  
Put we our quarrell to the will of heauen,  
Who when they see the houres ripe on earth,  
Will raigne hot vengeance on offenders heads.

*Dut.* Findes brotherhood in thee no sharper spur?  
Hath loue in thy old blood no liuing fire?  
Edwards seuen sonnes (whereof thy selfe art one)  
Were as seuen violles of his Sacred blood,  
Or seuen faire branches springing from one roote:

Some of those branches by the destinies cut:  
But *Thomas*, my deere Lord, my life, my Glouster,  
One Viol full of Edwards Sacred blood,  
One flourishing branch of his most Royall roote  
Is crack'd, and all the precious liquor spilt;

Is crack'd downe, and his summer leaues all vaded  
By Enuies hand, and Murders bloody Axe.  
Ah *Gaunt*! His blood was thine, that bed, that wombe,  
That nurtur'd thee, that selfe-mould that fashion'd thee,  
Made him a man: and though thou liu'st, and breath'st,  
Yet art thou slaine in him: thou dost consent

In some large measure to thy Fathers death,  
In that thou seest thy wretched brother dye,  
Who was the modell of thy Fathers life.  
Call it not patience (*Gaunt*) it is dispaire,  
In suffering thus thy brother to be slaughter'd,

Thou shew'st the naked pathway to thy life,  
Teaching sterne murder how to butcher thee:  
That which in meane men we intitle patience  
Is pale cold cowardice in noble breasts:  
What shall I say, to safegard thine owne life,  
The best way is to venge my Glousters death.

*Gaunt.* Heauens is the quarrell: for heauens substitute  
His Deputy annointed in his sight,  
Hath caus'd his death, the which if wrongfully  
Let heauen reuenge: for I may neuer lift  
An angry arme against his Minister.

*Dut.* Where then (alas may I) complaint my selfe?  
*Gau.* To heauen, the widdowes Champion to defence  
*Dut.* Why then I will: farewell old *Gaunt*.  
Thou go'st to Couentre, there to behold  
Our Cousine Herford, and fell *Mowbray* fight:

O fit my husbands wrongs on Herfords speare,  
That it may enter butcher *Mowbray*'s brest:  
Or if misfortune misse the first carriere,  
Be *Mowbray*'s sinnes so heauy in his bosome,  
That they may breake his foaming Courfers backe,  
And throw the Rider headlong in the Lists,

A Caytiffe recreant to my Cousine Herford:  
Farewell old *Gaunt*, thy sometimes brothers wife  
With her companion Greefe, must end her life.  
*Gau.* Sister farewell: I must to Couentre,  
As much good stay with thee, as go with mee.

*Dut.* Yet one word more: Greefe boundeth where it  
Not with the emptie hollownes, but weight: (falls,  
I take my leaue, before I haue begun,  
For sorrow ends not, when it seemeth done.  
Commend me to my brother *Edmund* *Torke*.  
Loe, this is all: nay, yet depart not so,  
Though this be all, do not so quickly go,  
I shall remember more. Bid him, Oh, what?

With all good speed at *Plashie* visit mee.  
Alacke, and what shall good old *York* there see  
But empty lodgings, and vn furnisht walles,  
Vn-peopled Offices, vntroden stones?

And what heere there for welcome, but my grones?  
Therefore commend me, let him not come there,  
To seeke out sorrow, that dwells euery where:  
Desolate, desolate will I hence, and dye,  
The last leaue of thee, takes my weeping eye.

### Scena Tertia.

*Enter Marshall, and Aumerle.*

*Mar.* My L. Aumerle, is *Harry* *Herford* arm'd?

*Aum.* Yea, at all points, and longs to enter in.

*Mar.* The Duke of Norfolk, sprightly and bold,  
Stayes but the summons of the Appealants Trumpet.

*Au.* Why then the Champions, are prepar'd, and stay  
For nothing but his Maiesties approach.

*Enter King, Gaunt, Bulby, Bagot, Greene, &*

*others: Then Mowbray in Ar-*

*mor, and Harrold.*

*Rich.* Marshall, demand of yonder Champion  
The cause of his arruall heere in Armes,  
Aske him his name, and orderly proceed  
To sweare him in the iustice of his cause.

*Mar.* In Gods name, and the Kings say who yart,  
And why thou com'st thus knightly clad in Armes?  
Against what man thou com'st, and what's thy quarrell,  
Speake truly on thy knighthood, and thine oath,  
As so defend thee heauen, and thy valour.

*Mow.* My name is *Tho. Mowbray*, Duke of Norfolk,  
Who hither comes engaged by my oath  
(Which heauen defend a knight should violate)  
Both to defend my loyalty and truth,  
To God, my King, and his succeeding issue,  
Against the Duke of Herford, that appeales me:  
And by the grace of God, and this mine arme,  
To proue him (in defending of my selfe)  
A Traitor to my God, my King, and me,  
And as I truly fight, defend me heauen.

*Tucker. Enter Hereford, and Harrold.*

*Rich.* Marshall: Aske yonder Knight in Armes,  
Both who he is, and why he cometh hither,  
Thus placed in habiliments of warre:  
And formerly according to our Law  
Depose him in the iustice of his cause.

*Mar.* What is thy name? and wherefore com'st y hither  
Before King *Richard* in his Royall Lifts?  
Against whom com'st thou? and what's thy quarrell?  
Speake like a true Knight, so defend thee heauen.

*Bul.* *Harry* of Herford, Lancaster, and Derby,  
Am I: who ready heere do stand in Armes,  
To proue by heauens grace, and my bodies valour,  
In Lifts, on *Thomas Mowbray* Duke of Norfolk,  
That he's a Traitor soule, and dangerous,  
To God of heauen, King *Richard*, and to me,  
And as I truly fight, defend me heauen.

*Mar.* On paine of death, no person be so bold,  
Or daring hardie as to touch the Liftes,  
Except the Marshall, and such Officers  
Appointed to direct these faire designs.

*Bul.* Lord Marshall, let me kisse my Soueraigns hand,  
And bow my knee before his Maiestie:  
For *Mowbray* and my selfe are like two women,  
That vow a long and weary pilgrimage,

Then